

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-20, 22-24, and 26 are cancelled.

Claims 21 and 25 are amended.

Claim 27 is added.

Claims 21, 25 and 27 are under consideration.

Support for claim amendments and new claim 27 is found in at least the following locations: [0019], [0029], [0031], [0033], [0078], [0082-0084], [0086].

II. Claims 21-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 21 is amended to relate that siRNA is administered to the cancer cells to knock down the splice variant DENN-SV, thereby increasing cancer cell death.

Amended claim 25 covers that the effect is enhanced by further administering chemotherapy to the cancer cells.

New claim 27 further increases cancer cell death by increasing the expression of splice variant *IG20*.

Claims 22-24 and 26 are cancelled.

Please withdraw this 112 rejection.

III. None of the publications cited teach siRNA therefore cannot anticipate

A. Claims 21-24 were rejected as anticipated by Al-Zhoubi et al.

Claims 22-24 are cancelled. This publication does not teach knocking down DENN-SV with siRNA so cannot anticipate claim 21. Please withdraw this rejection.

B. Claims 21-25 were rejected as anticipated by Efimova et al.

Efimova does not teach knocking down DENN-SV with siRNA, so does not anticipate claim 21 or claim 25 which is dependent on, and therefore includes limitations of, claim 21.

Please withdraw this rejection.

IV. Other Issues

Applicant responded to the restriction requirement by electing siRNA and chemotherapy. Applicant requests consideration and inclusion of the broader categories in allowed claims.

No fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number (21726-103049).

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